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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

1. ROYAL COUNSELOR KAMAL ADHAM TOLD THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY (JULY 10) THAT \$500 MILLION PLUS WILL BE PROVIDED TO JORDAN TO PURCHASE A US AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. FORMAL NOTIFICATION OR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SAUDI DECISION WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS ARE COMPLETED.

2. THE AID PACKAGE WILL POSSIBLY BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS:

(A) AN OUTRIGHT GRANT OF \$300 MILLION PLUS, AND (B) AN ADDITIONAL \$200 MILLION PLUS AS A LONG TERM LOW INTEREST LOAN.

3. I KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INSURE THAT IF AND WHEN THE SAUDIS PRODUCE THIS OFFER IT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY HUSSEIN. FOR JORDAN TO REJECT OR QUIBBLE ABOUT YET ANOTHER OFFER WOULD HAVE EFFECTS WE NEED NOT DESCRIBE.
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